

## **DRIFT TRACKING FEEDBACK FOR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

### **ABSTRACT**

[0045] A communication channel includes a first component having a transmitter  
5 coupled to a normal signal source, and a second component having a receiver coupled to  
a normal signal destination. A communication link couples the first and second  
components. Calibration logic provides for setting an operation value for a parameter of  
the communication channel, such as by executing an exhaustive calibration sequence at  
initialization of the link. A tracking circuit, including a monitoring function, tracks drift  
10 in the parameter by monitoring a feedback signal that has a characteristic that correlates  
with drift in the communication channel, and updates, or indicates the need for updating  
of, the operation value of the parameter in response to the monitoring function.